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For: **Method and Apparatus for
Ensuring Scalable Mastership During
Initialization of a System Area
Network**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the Office Action dated January 15, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Listing of Claims begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.